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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PATAN OCTOBER 21:

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1. BANK BOARD EXPECTS TO CONSIDER ROLLWAY CASE AGAIN ON OCT. 21 OR 22. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR DECISION TO BE MADE PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH PATAN. SEVEN ORGANIZATIONS (OMB, CIEP, STR, COMMERCE, STATE, TREASURY, USDA) HAVE EXPRESSED FAVORABLE VIEWS, BUT VIEWS OF LABOR AND ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SEIDMAN HAVE NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY COMMUNICATED TO EAST-WEST TRADE BOARD AND BANK. BUYBACK PROVISION REMAINS ISSUE WHICH CAUSES RESERVATIONS ON THIS CASE. WE CANNOT PREDICT HOW BOARD WILL ACT. WE WILL ADVISE EMBASSY AS SOON AS ACTION

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2- SCISSORS REPORTS THAT STRONG MET WITH NICOLAE STEFAN BEFORE AND AFTER TRIP TO TIRGU-MURES. RECEIVED GOOD HEARING FROM STEFAN BUT APOLOGIES FOR FAILURE TO VISIT PLANT ONLY FROM PATRUBANI. NUMBER OF POSSIBLE STEPS WERE DISCUSSED INCLUDING: 1) BEGINNING SALES OF KODAK CONSUMER PRODUCTS IN HARD CURRENCY STORES; 2) CONSTRUCTION OF PROCESSING LABS IN ROMANIA; AND 3) STEP-BY-STEP

MOVES INTO MANUFACTURING. STRONG AND PATRUBANI REACHED AGREEMENT ON SET OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING ROMANIAN PHOTOGRAPHIC NEEDS AND PLANS WHICH ROMANIANS MUST NOW ANSWER. NEXT STEP IS UP TO ROMANIANS AND BOTH SIDES UNDERSTAND THIS. OCTOBER 3 LETTER FROM STRONG TO SCISSORS ENCLOSES AGREED QUESTIONS AND GIVES INDICATION STRONG'S CURRENT VIEW.

3. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DOC CAN OBTAIN TICKETS FOR PATAN FOR DALLAS-WASHINGTON PRO FOOTBALL GAME IN WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 2. BEFORE COMMITTING ITSELF, DOC WISHES TO KNOW WHETHER PATAN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING GAME. PLEASE ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. INGERSOLL

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